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1900.

REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for 1868 was	\$9,196.51
The Collector has discharged himself as follows:	
Paid Town Treasurer, cash and abatements,	7,642.00
Amount remaining due from the Collector for 1868,	1,554.51
“ “ “ “ “ 1866 and 1867,	466.09
Whole amount of money, abatements, &c., received by the Treasurer, from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869,	\$13,603.39
Amount of payments by the Treasurer for the same time as above,	12,077.74
Balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer March 1, 1869,	\$1,525.65

Receipts.

1868

Mar. 30.	Received of John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	\$800.00
April 9.	Treasurer for 1867, balance in his hands,	878.65
April 18.	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	500.00
June 16.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	115.00
June 27.	“ “	900.00
June 29.	“ “	2,253.00
June 30.	“ “	1,508.00
Sept. 5.	“ “	235.00
Oct. 3.	“ “	195.00
Oct. 31.	“ “	185.00

Oct. 31.	Received of John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	270.00
Nov. 3.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	266.00
Nov. 21.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	254.00
Dec. 5.	" "	139.00
"	State Treasurer, railroad tax for 1868,	1,243.44
"	State Treasurer Savings Bank tax,	148.67
"	State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	55.98
"	State Treasurer, United States bounties,	880.00
1869.		
Jan. 6.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	100.00
22.	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	300.00
Feb. 13.	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	398.00
19.	County of Merrimack for support of county paupers,	171.85
	National Bank tax,	26.93
26	Committee on sale of personal property at poor farm,	482.00
	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1866,	80.00
	John Chadwick, on his collection of taxes for 1867,	83.00
27	" "	40.00
	Samuel Choate, on his collection of taxes for 1868,	1,094.00
	E. S. Harris, for plank,	.87
		<hr/> \$13,603.39

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills.

1868.

April 13.	Paid Wm. Butterfield for town reports of 1867,	\$50.00
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May 12.	Paid C. Smith, check-list board,	.75
June 19.	A. H. Drown, fees on pauper notice to Franklin,	7.46
Aug. 26.	W. H. Sargent, for notifying town officers,	7.00
Sept. 5.	J. S. Quimby, for digging graves,	12.00
16.	John Coffin, for posts,	4.50
Oct. 3.	A. H. Drown, fees on Writ v. Franklin,	6.12
31.	S. A. Ambrose, selectmen's expenses,	8.35
Nov. 3.	S. Marden, for making fence to cemetery,	10.00
21.	N. Watson, for lumber for cemetery,	3.40
Dec. 30.	Morrill & Silsby, for record books and stationery,	24.55
1869.		
Jan'y 6.	McFarland and Jenks, for printing check lists and warrants,	10.75
9.	T. D. Little, for running town lines,	3.25
Feb'y 6.	H. Bonney, for selectmen's expenses,	8.00
15.	Pay roll of Fire Engine company,	118.60
	For repairs on engine and hose,	14.75
20.	A. A. Hancock, for digging graves,	3.00
26.	E. Plummer, for water trough,	2.25
	M. A. Pillsbury, for use of bull,	2.00
	J. C. Chadwick, for use of cider mill, &c.,	4.17
27.	N. Butler, sundry bills paid out,	11.17
	Holmes & Evans, for stove pipe for Engine house,	4.80
	B. Atkinson for work on cemetery fence, hearse house, bridge, &c.,	6.75
	C. Smith, for nails,	1.56
	Geo. Knowles, for water trough 3 years,	6.00
	Royal Choate, for sheep killed by dogs,	18.00
	Samuel Choate, discount on taxes of 1868 collected prior to July 1, as per vote of town,	255.00
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		\$604.18

Roads and Bridges.

1868.			
July 6.	Paid Healey Morse, for work on road,		\$3.00
Aug. 26.	W. H. Sargent, “		1.50
Nov. 3.	Samuel Marden, “		9.75
	W. H. Sargent, “		10.75
	Norcross & Sanders, for lumber,		5.00
11.	W. H. Gage, for land taken for new road,		263.75
14.	H. W. Flanders, for lumber,		24.76
16.	A. L. Knowlton, for surveying new road,		3.50
17.	N. Colby, for making new road,		57.50
Dec. 5.	C. & J. C. Gage, “		52.37
	C. Gage, Adm'r for land taken for new road,		105.00
	C. & J. C. Gage, for plank, tim- ber, &c.,		89.84
1869.			
Feb. 20.	H. W. Flanders for plank,		3.28
22.	E. G. Wood, for laying out road,		2.00
26.	Gage, Porter & Co., for nails,		2.05
	John Chadwick, for plank,		15.30
27.	N. Colby, for work on road,		18.50
	N. S. Webster, for moving sand from his land,		4.50
	P. M. Chadwick, for breaking out road,		10.00
	P. M. Chadwick, for plank,		4.48
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			\$686.83

Non-Resident Highway Taxes worked out.

1869.			
Feb. 26.	Paid John Chadwick, non-resident taxes for 1867, worked out as follows :		
	Joseph Barnard,		\$11.00
	Hiram Simpson,		2.50
	B. M. Swazey,		1.18
	Geo. W. Wadleigh,		.50
	Leonard Morrison,		.75
	H. H. & J. S. Brown,		3.31

Paid Gilman I. Colby,	1.88
A. R. Chandler,	5.00
B. F. Caldwell,	1.25
Nath'l White,	1.50
J. C. Gitchell,	1.13
Albert Danforth,	.31
Mary Simpson,	.75
J. B. Goodhue,	.25
Caldwell & Amsden,	2.25
	<hr/> \$33.56

Feb. 27. Paid Samuel Choate, non-resident taxes
of 1868, as follows:

Gilman Moore,	\$1.63
Nath'l White,	1.50
Enoch Gerrish,	10.00
Thomas Eastman,	1.38
	<hr/> \$14.51
	<hr/> \$48.07

Payments of Bonds and Interest.

1868.

July 2. Paid Ephraim Plummer, Bond No. 8, \$500	
Hale Atkinson,	" 18, 500
Ephraim Plummer,	" 11, 200
" "	" 12, 200
" "	" 13, 200
" "	" 14, 200
" "	" 15, 200
	<hr/> \$2,000.00
Interest on \$26,000 at 6 per cent in gold,	\$2,182.50
	<hr/> \$4,182.50

Schools.

1868.

June 19. Paid Samuel Marden, prudential com- mittee, Dist. No. 2,	\$32.00
" 27. James W. Robey, prudential com- mittee, Dist. No. 4,	46.00

July	2.	Paid Hollis Towne, pru. com., Dist. No. 5,	37.00
"	2.	E. W. Atkinson, " "	6, 40.00
"	9.	Wm. B. Burpee, " "	8, 22.00
"	15.	A. G. Kimball, " "	7, 130.00
"	20.	Daniel Flint, " "	3, 70.00
Aug.	4.	B. R. Dow, " "	1, 78.00
"	7.	E. W. Atkinson, " "	6, 10.00
Nov.	3.	Wm. B. Burpee, " "	8, 21.00
"	14.	A. G. Kimball, " "	7, 220.00
Dec.	26.	Samuel Marden, " "	2, 44.00
1869.			
Jan.	9.	E. W. Atkinson, " "	6, 43.00
"	14.	Hollis Towne, " "	5, 61.00
"	18.	J. W. Robey, " "	4, 53.00
"	23.	A. G. Kimball, " "	7, 184.00
"	23.	Daniel Flint, " "	3, 94.00
Feb.	6.	B. R. Dow, " "	1, 115.00
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			\$1,300.00

Support of Paupers.

1868.

March	30.	Paid Max J. Webber, balance of salary as overseer of the poor farm to April 1, 1868,	\$92.00
April	26.	John E. Rines, for oxen for poor farm,	215.00
May	2.	M. G. Boice, for support of Mary Mathews,	7.00
"	12.	Cha's Smith, for goods for Mrs. Story,	6.00
"	12.	A. A. Hancock, balance for sup- port of T. J. Hancock,	9.00
"	18.	J. P. Hubbard, for flour for L. Bay- ley, Oct. 30, 1867,	1.96
"	18.	E. K. Webster, for medical services to Willie Marsh, Feb., 1865,	8.00
June	8.	Frank Hayward, for milk for Mrs. Stirling and family,	3.51
"	10.	Mary Smith, for board of child of Mrs. Stirling,	7.50
"	27.	Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, do.,	6.00

July	2.	Paid Hollis Towne, for aid to Jona. Frost and wife,	4.00
"	29.	Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, for board of Stirling child,	6.00
Aug.	22.	James H. Gill, for keeping transient paupers,	1.34
Sept.	21.	Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, for board of Stirling child,	12.00
Oct.	27.	J. P. Hubbard & Co., for aid of Mrs. Marsh,	3.00
"	27.	J. P. Hubbard & Co., aid of Mrs. Stirling,	3.00
"	31.	S. A. Ambrose, for keeping transient paupers,	2.50
"	31.	Peter Coffin, for use of pasture for poor farm,	40.00
Nov.	14.	Mr. J. B. Knowlton, for board of Stirling child,	12.00
Dec.	19.	J. P. Hubbard & Co., balance of store account with poor farm,	78.96
1869.			
Feb.	6.	Mrs. J. B. Knowlton, for board of Stirling child,	16.50
		Ira Abbott, for work haying on town farm,	64.00
Feb.	17.	E. K. Webster, for medical services for paupers,	88.75
"	26.	Putnam & Hall, balance of store account with poor farm,	33.27
"	26.	J. P. Hubbard & Co., do.,	10.49
"	26.	N. Butler, for support of Naomi Roby,	41.00
"	26.	N. Butler, aid of transient paupers,	10.50
"	26.	Charles Morrill, part of salary as overseer of town farm,	50.00
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			\$833.28

Abatement of Taxes.

1869.

Feb.	27.	Paid Samuel Choate, abatements on list of taxes for 1868,	\$111.96
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Town Officers.

1868.

April 10.	Paid E. G. Wood, selectman for 1867, and cash paid auditors,	\$12.00
May 8.	Healey Morse, selectmen for 1867,	6.00
Aug. 22.	James H. Gile, " " "	5.00
Dec. 26.	M. L. Severance, school committee,	7.00
1869.		
Feb. 27.	Wm. R. Jewett, " "	21.00
" 27.	F. C. Morrill, " "	10.00
"	C. E. Chadwick, town clerk,	26.35
"	B. Atkinson, selectman and over- seer of the poor,	48.00
"	E. S. Harris, selectman and over- seer of the poor,	24.00
"	N. Butler, selectman, overseer of the poor, and town treasurer,	103.00
"	Samuel Choate, collector of taxes,	75.00
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		\$337.35

State and County Taxes.

1868.

Sept. 11.	Paid County tax,	\$1,154.82
Nov. 30.	State tax,	2,818.75
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		\$3,973.57

Recapitulation.

Paid miscellaneous bills,	\$604.18
Roads and bridges,	686.83
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	48.07
Bonds and interest on Bonds,	4,182.50
Schools,	1,300.00
Support of paupers,	833.28
Abatement of taxes,	111.96
Town officers,	337.35
State and County taxes,	3,973.57
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	\$12,077.74

Debt of the town March 1, 1869, in bonds,	\$24,000.00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1869, payable. in coin,	960.00
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Total indebtedness of the town,	\$24,960.00
Due the town from Samuel Choate, Col- lector of taxes for 1868,	1,554.51
Due the town from John Chadwick, Col- lector of taxes for 1866 and 1867,	466.09
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	1,525.65
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	3,546.25
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Balance against the town,	\$21,313.75

Most of the personal property at the Town Poor Farm having been sold by the Committee elected for that purpose, we are not able to make any statement showing the relative standing of the farm. We therefore make no report on that subject, further than appears in the general accounts.

N. BUTLER,	} <i>Selectmen and Over-</i>
E. S. HARRIS,	
B. ATKINSON,	
	<i>seers of the Poor of</i>
	<i>Boscawen.</i>

The undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen of Boscawen for the year 1868-69, reports that he has examined said accounts, and finds the receipts from March 1, 1868, to March 1, 1869, to have been \$13,603.39, and the disbursements to have been \$12,077.74, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$1,525.65.

ISAAC K. GAGE, *Auditor.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW-CITIZENS :—Our town has been unfortunate the past year in frequent changes in the Superintending School Committee. The two first persons who were appointed to fill the office, both left the town before their term of service had expired. At the close of the last year I consented, at the urgent request of the Selectmen, to discharge the duties of the Superintending School Committee for the remainder of the political year. Of course, as I have had no acquaintance with the Summer and Fall schools, excepting in District No. 7, I have no information to communicate respecting them. From what I have learned, I have supposed that they have enjoyed a fair degree of success. I have visited all the winter schools of the close of which I had been notified by the prudential committee, with the exception of No. 4. In the case of that I was notified, but mistaking the district, visited another school. In the District No. 1, I received no notification of the close of the school and therefore failed to visit it. From the examination of the reports of the teachers, I infer that prudential committees have been at fault in not visiting the schools. They should exercise great care in the selection of teachers, seeking only those who manifest a peculiar

fitness and possess good qualifications for the work, and having employed such, should visit the schools, both for the encouragement of teachers and scholars.

In a number of the schools there seems to have been a laudable ambition to be present every day of the term. A considerable number have not been absent a single day. A large portion have also been, not only ordinarily present, but also seasonably. This is a matter of high importance to schools. Tardiness disturbs the order of the schools and absence lessens the interest of the scholars in their studies. Nothing but absolute necessity should lead a parent to keep his child out of school, or not to have him there in season.

Some expenditure of money in all of our districts for the purchase of maps and reference-books for the use of teachers and scholars, would be a good investment. I find the schools to be nearly destitute of those valuable helps. Most of the maps that are hung up in the school-rooms have become nearly useless by reason of political changes that have taken place.

Some of our schools are too small. District No. 8 reports a school of only eight scholars and seven weeks in length. The only practical remedy is union with other districts. Whether this can be effectual I am not prepared to answer. I can only say that the advantages which some children in the back districts have through common schools are very limited.

DISTRICT No. 7.

The Committee respectfully presents this as his report of the condition of the public schools in District No. 7.

A good degree of prosperity has attended the schools during the past year. The number of scholars has been larger than any previous years since the Academy has been established. The district has had three terms of school in each room. All the terms in each room have been taught by the same teachers. This is often a very good arrangement. Both the teachers were residents in the district; yet, I am happy to add, I have never heard of fewer complaints respecting the management and instruction of the schools, since I have been on the commit-

tee, than during the past year. In the lower room the pupils were numerous, most of them backward, and some of them very young. I am aware that the laws of the State permit the admission of scholars to our public schools at the age of four years. But I am confident that it would be better if all children were excluded who had not reached the age of five years. The following scholars are reported by the teachers as having been neither tardy or absent during the Winter term:

Mary Conner,
Henry Boice,
Willie T. Chandler,
Freddie B. Holt,
John E. Howard,
Willie N. Hunt,
Ida L. Hussey,
Alice M. Reed,

Florence N. Hinton,
Katie Mecerl,
Lara Keaney,
Oscar P. Stone,
Nellie A. Blake,
Alice M. Blake,
Emma J. Kimball,
Hannah S. Kimball.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. JEWETT.

Fisherville, March 2, 1869.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.			
No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6, No. 7, No. 8, Total.	17	Number of Schools.	
		Boys.	Girls.
25	25	Whole No. of different scholars 4 years of age and upwad, attending school not less than 2 weeks.	
13	7	Average attendance of scholars during the year.	
23	12	Number of children between 4 and 14 years of age not attending school any where.	
14	18	Number of male teachers employed during the year.	
8	26	Number of female teachers employed during the year.	
12	8	Number of different persons employed as teachers.	
21	11	Wages of male teachers a month, including board.	
11	21	Wages of female teachers a month, including board.	
62	11	Number of teachers teaching for the first time.	
7	7	No. of teachers teaching the same school 2 or more successive terms.	
		No. of teachers employed who have attended Teachers' Institutes.	
		Whole length of summer schools, in weeks.	
		Whole length of winter schools, in weeks.	
		Average length of schools for the year, in weeks.	
		Estimated value of school-houses and lots, with appurtenances.	
		Compensation paid for services of Superintending Committee.	
		Amount of money raised by town tax for support of schools.	
		Amount of the Literary Fund.	
		Amount of Railroad Tax for support of schools.	
		Average amount appropriated for each scholar.	
		Number of visits by Superintending School Committee.	
		Number of visits by Prudential School Committee.	
		Number of visits by other citizens.	
		Number of scholars attending to reading and spelling.	
		Number attending to Arithmetic.	
		Number attending to Geography.	
		Number attending to Grammar.	
		Number attending to U. S. History.	
		Number attending to physiology.	
		Number attending to Book-keeping.	
		Number attending to Penmanship.	
		Number of incorporated academies and other permanent schools.	

TEXT BOOKS IN USE. READING—Town's Progressive, Hilliard's, Spelling—Progressive, ARITHMETIC—Robinson's Series, Greenleaf's Common School. GEOGRAPHY—Colton & Fitch's. GRAMMAR—Weld and Quackenbos', Guyot's Intermediate, HISTORY—Quackenbos'.

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